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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully request favorable reconsideration and reexamination of this application.

Claim 1 has been revised and is supported by, for example, Figs. 1-7 in the Specification.

Claims 3-6 and 8-17 have been revised to track with the revised claim 1.

There is no new matter. Claims 1, 3-6, and 8-17 are pending in this application.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 1, 3-6, 8, and 10-17 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Leenders (US 5251800). Applicant does not concede the correctness of the rejection. The analysis kit of claim 1 is not disclosed or even suggested by the reference.

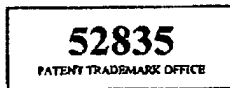
Leenders teaches a camera holder. Leenders does not teach an analyzer for analyzing a target analyte in a sample. Leenders also does not teach a sampling tool for taking a sample. Further, Leenders does not teach an adapter housing that includes a first holding portion that is capable of holding the analyzer. Leenders also fails to teach an adapter housing having a second holding portion that is capable of holding the sampling tool. In contrast, claim 1 requires an analyzer, a sampling tool, and an adapter housing that comprises a first holding portion for holding the analyzer, and a second holding portion for holding the sampling tool. Accordingly, Leenders does not teach all of the required features of claim 1. For at least the above reasons, claim 1 is allowable over Leenders. Claims 3-6, 8-17 are also allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1 from which they depend. Applicant respectfully requests a favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the claims.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Leenders. Applicant does not concede the correctness of the rejection. Deficiencies of the Leenders reference stated above are also applicable here. Thus, claim 9 is allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1 from which it depends. Applicant respectfully requests a favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the claim.

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In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney-of record, Douglas P. Mueller (Reg. No. 30,300), at (612) 455-3804.



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